

USA Comments Aquatic Animal Health Standards Commission

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CHAPTER 4.1.3.

YELLOWHEAD DISEASE

General Comment: The United States supports the changes proposed for this chapter. We are recommending some changes to the wording for clearer understanding. These few changes are shown in “red font” or as a strike-through. One comment is also made as indicated below.

Article 4.1.3.3.

Commodities

1. When authorising the importation or transit of the following *commodities*, the *Competent Authorities* of the *importing country* should not require any YHD related conditions, regardless of the YHD status of the *exporting country, zone or compartment*.
 - a) For the species referred to in Article 4.1.3.2. for any purpose:
 - i) ...
 - iv) crustacean meals or by-products made non-infectious by heating or drying (e.g. flame dried or sun dried);
 - v) crustacean products made non-infectious through processing as dry feeds (e.g. pelleted or extruded feeds);

Comment: The United States recommends either specifying how this status should be demonstrated, or listing the recommended temp/time parameters, or using the following language: ‘...crustacean meals or by-products that have been treated in a manner that ensures inactivation of the disease agent’

Article 4.1.3.4.

Yellowhead disease free country

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OR

4. A country that has previously made a *self-declaration of freedom* from YHD but in which the *disease* is subsequently detected may ~~not~~ make a *self-declaration of freedom* from YHD again ~~until~~ **when**

the following conditions have been met:

a) ...

Article 4.1.3.5.

Yellowhead disease free zone or free compartment

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OR

4. A ~~zone~~ previously declared free from YHD but in which the *disease* is detected may ~~not~~ be declared free from YHD again ~~until~~ **when** the following conditions have been met:

a) ...